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RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, Applicants wish to elect to Group II, Claims 18 and 19. This election is made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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